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SUBJECT: MOEDERBUND CONTEMPLATING CLAT MEMBERSHIP

REF: PARAMARIBO 213

1. LABOR OFFICER DISCUSSED POSSIBLE CHANGE IN MOEDERBUND AFFILIATION WITH CCL PRESIDENT CRICHLOW AND GENERAL SECRETARY BENJAMIN. BOTH WERE COMPLACENT ABOUT POSSIBILITY AND EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT MOEDERBUND WOULD CHANGE IT AFFILIATION. THEY NOTED THAT FOUR- MAN SURINAM DELEGATION TO THE CCL MEETING IN CURACAO MAY 12-14 COMPLAINED THAT CCL WAS NOT PAYING ENOUGH ATTENTION TO SURINAM. HOWEVER CRICHLOW AND BENJAMIN TOLD DELEGATION, WHICH INCLUDED DAAL, OF THE EFFORTS CCL IS MAKING ON BEHALF OF THE DUTCH AREAS INCLUDING THE ELECTION OF A CCL VICE PRESIDENT FROM ARUBA TO GIVE MORE WIGHT TO THEIR AREA IN CCL COUNCILS AND CCL/ AIFLD SPONSORED LABOR INTERN. THE CCL LEADERS FEEL THAT DAAL WAS APPEASED.

2. COMMENT: TIMING OF MOEDERBUND DECISION TO APPROACH CLAT, WHETHER BEFORE OR AFTER LAST WEEKEND' S MEETING, APPEARS TO BE OF MOST IMPORTANCE. IF DAAL DECIDED TO SEEK TO DISAFFILIATE
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WITH CCL AFTER CONFERRING WITH CLL LEADERS IN CURACAO THEN
SITUATION MAY BE CRITICAL. IN ANY CASE, CCL HAS BEEN
APPRISED OF SERIOUSNESS OF MOEDERBUND ACTION AND ARE
CONSIDERING OTHER STEPS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE VISIT BY CRICLOW,
TO KEEP MOEDERBUND IN THE FOLD. HOWEVER, FURTHER CCL
INITIATIVES PROBABLY WILL NOT GO INTO
EFFECT UNTIL AFTER MOEDERBUND GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING.
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